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The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Gospel Choir — composed of youngsters ages 8-12 — performed before a crowd of over 6,000 people at an outdoor celebration honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jan. 17. The annual march from 4th and Townsend Streets to downtown San Francisco this year ended at the

newly opened Yerba Buena Gardens at 3rd and Mission Streets. The Nabe Choir, directed by Larry Byes, was one of a number of community groups invited to perform at the event.

Ruth Possen photo

## Neighborhood Crime Statistics Down — Police Still Urge Safety Precautions

By Jeff Wood

According to statistics kept by the Potrero District Police Station, crime on Potrero Hill was 21 percent lower for the period of August through November, 1993, compared to the same months in 1992.

Captain Timothy Hettrich attributes much of this decrease to an additional police car on patrol on the Hill.

The categories of crime with the most significant drop from 1992 to 1993 are robbery, down 32 percent, and auto theft/burglary, which fell 47 percent.

However, Officer Terrye Ivy of the Potrero Station urged Hill residents to exercise caution when assessing neighborhood crime statistics.

"I don't feel comfortable speaking in terms of (crime) trends," Ivy told *The View*.

"We don't want to alarm people or put them on guard," she said. At the same time, though, Ivy doesn't want local residents lulled into a false sense of security because of the reported statistical decreases.

She stressed that it is always prudent

to "be neighborly, watch out for one another, and be observant." This could include joining or forming a SAFE group, watching your street for unusual activity, or alerting your neighbors if you have

experienced a crime-related problem.

Ivy also urged residents to "take precautions — be aware of your surroundings." This advice is particularly appro-

priate to the longstanding Hill problem of auto-related crime — auto theft and auto boosting (or burglary).

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## Clark Health Center Marks 18th Anniversary

This year the City holiday celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday Jan. 17, fell on the 18th anniversary of the opening of the Caleb G. Clark Potrero Hill Health Center. Such a coincidence was fitting for this City-run health center, which grew out of a dream and a community-wide push for quality health care for all people.

Primary care medical and dental services have been provided continuously for the Potrero Hill community since the center opened. In fact, the center has served people from all over The City who have found it to provide high quality care regardless of ability to pay.

The staff have always displayed a diverse mix of talents, backgrounds, interests and languages. The Medical Staff currently consists of four MDs, including three Family Physicians (Drs. Drennon,

Rapp, and Magnuson), an Internist/Infectious diseases specialist (Dr. Goodman) and one Family Nurse Practitioner (Ms. Montez). There are Family Practice residents and medical students working at the center, always supervised by the staff MDs, all of whom have UCSF clinical faculty appointments.

Podiatry, social work, and nursing students also rotate through the center, supervised by fully trained, on-site, licensed practitioners. High school students, employed through grant funds, also work periodically at the health center. Literally dozens of health care trainees, many now working in San Francisco, have gained valuable experience alongside the professional and clerical staff over the past 18 years.

Nutrition education and podiatric care have been continuously available on-

site. Medical social work staff has been available now for two years. A Public Health Nurse, once accessible only through Health Center #1 in the Mission, is now assigned to the Potrero Hill team to do in-home nursing assessments and education. A Division of Mental Health counselor has been (until recently) on-site weekly for consultations with the center's staff.

All primary care medical services are provided at the health center, including newborn, family planning and pregnancy-related care along with acute and chronic illness care for all ages. Persons with HIV have been receiving comprehensive primary care at the center for more than 10 years.

An emphasis on prevention of illness

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# Port in a Storm

In November, 1990, nearly 60 percent of Potrero Hill voters went to the polls and voted "Yes" on Proposition II, which put a halt to plans to construct huge hotels on San Francisco's waterfront. This measure prohibited hotel construction but mandated that other non-maritime uses be decided as the result of a waterfront plan -- the product of thoughtful deliberation rather than the uncoordinated, spot planning that had marked waterfront development in the recent past.

Even during the hotly contested campaign around this waterfront measure, it was noted that the financial health of the waterfront must be a consideration in what decisions are eventually made about waterfront uses. But even opponents of 1990's Prop. II might have been shocked to hear the schemes that are beginning to surface from Mayor Frank Jordan's new appointee as head of the Port, Dennis Bouey, and the new head of the Port Commission, Preston Cook, who replaced Hill resident and former longshoremen's union president Jim Herman.

Every report of a speech from the new Port of San Francisco leadership sounds a loud warning bell to those of us on the Hill who care about the future of the Port and about the future of the maritime industry in San Francisco. If they had their way, it seems, Proposition II and the mandate of the city's voters would simply be ignored and hotels and office buildings built along the waterfront without any regard for what voters mandated back in 1990.

Because we on Potrero Hill are such close neighbors to the waterfront, we have a special interest in decisions made about its future. Many Hill residents work, or have worked, on the waterfront, and know that insistence on keeping a strong maritime industry in San Francisco is a real economic perspective, not merely a misguided exercise in nostalgia, as we are now being repeatedly told.

We on **The View** urge the members of the committee developing the waterfront plan to present San Francisco's citizens with a comprehensive plan as speedily as possible.

## GETTING INVOLVED

**Friends of McKinley Square:** Regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro. Agenda includes the year-end report and discussion of the Open Space Committee meeting.

**ROSES (Residents of the South East Sector):** Thurs., Feb. 3, 7 p.m. Meetings are held at S.F. Community College, 1800 Oakdale at Phelps (off Bayshore). Enter on Phelps, downstairs. Residents of the Hill are included!

**Potrero Hill Health Center,** 1050 Wisconsin St., will hold a grounds clean-up and planting, with help from SLUG (San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners) on Sat., Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. til 2 p.m.


**Potrero Hill Parents Assn.** will also meet on Tues., Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. PHPA also offers an ongoing Children's Activity Program on Saturdays at 10-11:30 a.m., as well as a Pre-School Art class on Tues. afternoons from 3-4 p.m. And this month there will be a children's Valentine party, Sat., Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. All meetings and activities are at the Jackson Playground Rec. Center bldg., corner of Arkansas & Mariposa Sts.

**PLAN** (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) will hold its Executive Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 16. Location to be announced. Call Elizabeth at 826-6359.

**Potrero Hill Boosters** hold their regular meeting on Tues., Feb. 22 at the Potrero Library, 1616 20th St., upstairs, at 7:30. Agenda to be announced.

**Potrero Hill Democratic Club** meets Tues., Feb. 8 at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro at 7 p.m. The discussion will focus on "New Approaches to Crime Prevention, Part 2!" The list is promised to include well known public officials at the city, state and national levels. Representing Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is her aide Michael Yaki.

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### Freeway Noise Worse

Editor:

I read your article last year about the walls that were going up along the 101 freeway. I was unconcerned as this was not a high priority with me. Of eourse I was upset that it cost more than \$1 million per mile and I felt our schools, parks, hospitals, etc. could much better use that money, but nobody asked me.

Now I have watched them eut down many trees that lined 101 and put up the wall. Instead of lessening the free-way noise, it has dramatically increased it. As I live on 25th Street, two blocks up a steep hill from 101, the noise is now reflected from the wall on the west side of 101 back up onto Potrero Hill.

Are any other neighbors experiencing this increase in noise? Any ideas of what we can do?

**Greg Goddard**  
25th Street

### Report Jet Noise

Editor:

I've been a resident of the Hill for a few years and have been greatly trouhled this past year by the increasing sound of traffic and airplanes.

The traffic noise has been exacerbated by the building of those sound deflecting and enhancing 'noise barriers' along the freeway. Don't really expect there is anything that can be done now about phantom police sirens wailing through my bedroom -- a true step toward virtual reality.

The other issue has been the rise and constant noise assault from jet traffic over Potrero Hill. This is an issue we can do something about and one that I'd urge you to publish the information on whom one can call or write about it.

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\*FAA: (510) 273-6005  
\*City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission  
San Francisco International Airport  
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San Francisco, CA 94128  
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Phone: 876-2220

Reporting is very easy after the first time since you are assigned a caller code. We must encourage people to call often since that is the only influence the FAA is interested in -- how many people, how often and from where.

Hope we can all work together to get this addressed now since it will only worsen with further airport expansion.

**Don MacDonald**  
Kansas Street

### Park Needs Volunteers

Editor:

"Starr King Park" would like to hear from Potrero neighbors interested in joining the Board of Directors. "Starr King Park" is a non-profit public benefit corporation, established to protect and maintain the area bordered by Carolina, Dellaro, 23rd and 25th streets as open space.

Interested persons must be 18 years or older and residents of Potrero Hill. They are requested to write the following information: Name, address, telephone, and a short statement confirming their interest in helping to maintain our last "open space" on Potrero Hill.

Especially persons with some legal, accounting or landscaping experience would be welcomed.

Kindly address letter: "Starr King Park", c/o 1125 Carolina Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

**Nick M. van Riesen**  
President  
Starr King Park

### Florence Stroud Lauded

Editor:

Florence Stroud is, in my opinion, the finest example of what a health administrator should be. San Francisco has had the good fortune of 12 years of her leadership in many differing capacities. As Deputy Director of Community Health, she has been a consistent advocate of primary health care as practiced in community clinics. When she was needed she stepped into the difficult post of Chief of San Francisco Health, not once but twice, never letting herself become inaccessible.

During the years of dwindling city money while health problems escalated, she has steadfastly served the entire system with patience and fairness. In neighborhood and community meetings she asks questions, she listens to answers, engages in dialog no matter how many people are involved or how many hours are necessary to come to conclusions.

It has been my privilege, as a member of Potrero Hill Health Center's Advisory Council, to work with her. I profoundly hope that we will continue to have her wisdom and leadership in San Francisco.

**Eve Milton**  
Carolina Street



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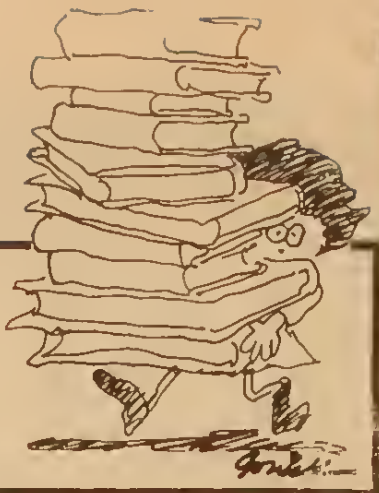
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SRO ONLY FOR WORD FOR WORD

What is a more fitting setting than our library for a flawless dramatic performance of modern literature — word for word? There were more than 50 in the rapt audience who sat and stood to take in two short stories, "Winter Night" by Kay Boyle and "The Boy Who Disappeared Clouds" by Leonard Block. The stories were elaborated by the unique and creative acting troupe, WORD FOR WORD, in early January. Thank you to the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library for making this happen. We hope to be able to invite WORD FOR WORD back again soon for many to enjoy.

Other January events included a showing of the film "Boy King" in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a visit by the Lion Dancers to mark the Chinese New Year.

BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday events here were marked by conviviality: There were 33 borrowers who gathered to hear Opera Piccola deliver its global Winter Solstice musical message; Story Hour and Lapsit enthusiasts helped make decorations for our tree, and had an unscheduled visit from the Grinch, even as they listened to the famous Dr. Seuss tale of how he stole Christmas. And 17 hearty and hardy carolers dispatched their joyful message from the library throughout the Hill, greeted delightedly by neighbors and merchants. Some have urged us to make caroling a yearly tradition.

A LESSON FROM POTRERO MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

A recent visit to Ms. Brasso's and Ms. Stahl's classes taught us that middle schoolers know more than we might think about gangs, drugs, safe sex and other social issues in our world today. The tuned-in students are using their "I-Search" (as opposed to "research") projects to create videos as engaging means of sharing their information with their peers. They make our work fun!

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Be sure to see our "This Little Light of Mine" display in recognition of African-American History Month. It highlights the tasks posed by events from Simi Valley to Johannesburg to Port Au Prince and Mogadishu.

Young Adults will have an opportunity to see La Creea and Dancers perform a very socially-conscious form of rap music, much in the tradition of groups like Arrested Development. La Creea has performed for appreciative audiences throughout the Bay Area and has gotten favorable TV coverage because of the message she brings to young adults. Don't miss her here on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.

In April, South Africa looks forward to holding the first democratic, non-racial, non-sexist elections in its history. The library will host a panel discussion on Youth and the Elections in South Africa on Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 7-7:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m., we will show the film, "Teach Me to Dance," for children ages 3-7.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

There will be a Pre-school storytime on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Infant-toddler lapsits are Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

MANY THANKS

The library's holiday season was a success owing to contributions from so many of you. Thanks to Nancy Fox for donating Tree Cookies for children and staff to enjoy decorating. Thanks to Lois Bailey, Elizabeth Boileau, Jani Eisen, and Virginia Mayorga for helping prepare for holiday caroling. Thanks to Good Life Grocery for donating a shopping cart for Food Bank donations. Thanks to Edel Raith and Audrey Wood for children's art supplies. Thanks to Debby Jeffery and Marti Goddard for helping with WORD FOR WORD. And thanks to the Potrero Hill Parents Assn. for inviting us to be your story reader at the Christmas party this year: Stepping out is so-o-o much fun!

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

\* Shea, Lisa. "Hula." Lucid first novel about two girls who navigate the shoals of puberty — and escape the dangers of a cruel father.

\* Belletto, Rene. "Machine." A French psychiatrist who has built a computer that enables brain impulses to be exchanged decides to try a brief swap with one of his patients. Oops, bad medicine! Belletto is France's answer to Michael Crichton.

\* Mudrooroo. "Master of the Ghost Dreaming." By the first Aboriginal writer published in Australia, this novel offers a brilliant vision of life among an indigenous people.

\* Unno, Chiya. "The Story of a Single Woman." The life of the pre-WWII Japanese woman was a hard one by modern standards — not for the faint-hearted.

\* Reuth, Ralf Georg. "Goebbels." Secret until recently, this book gives insights into the internal chaos of Nazidom.

\* Arnett, Peter. "Live From the Battlefield: From Vietnam to Baghdad: 35 years in the World's War Zones." CNN's reporter in Baghdad during Desert Storm writes an engrossing memoir.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: CHILDREN'S BOOKS

\* McDonald, Megan. "The Great Pumpkin Switch."

\* Mitchell, Margaree. "Uncle Jed's Barbershop."

\* Moss, Thylia. "I Want to Be."

\* Bernotas, Bob. "Spike Lee, Filmmaker."

\* Frampton, David. "Whaling Days."

\* Doris, Ellen. "Entomology."

Toba Singer  
Branch Librarian

# TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

HELIPORT DECISION POSTPONED:

Citing insufficient time to analyze sound test data, San Francisco's Port Commission postponed a decision to lease port property at Pier 70 at the foot of Potrero Hill to Air Exec, Inc. for a new heliport. The proposed facility, slated to handle about 60 takeoffs and landings per day, had drawn vigorous opposition, particularly from residents of the eastern slope of the Hill and businesses near the site.

STRONGER ACTION ON STREET CRIME URGED:

A rash of December robberies, particularly in a four block area on Arkansas Street between 20th and 23rd, spurred an increased level of concern and activity by Hill residents and an intensified campaign of action by police in the area. A number of neighbors at police/community meetings organized the Potrero Hill Neighborhood Action Group to help work for a safer neighborhood.

SUITS FILED OVER SYNANON SITE:

Lawsuits were filed against Synanon, a drug rehabilitation organization, and the National Lead Co. over toxic contamination of the former paint factory at 23rd and Kansas Streets. Paint was manufactured at the site from 1858 until 1970 when National Lead sold it to Synanon. It was purchased from Synanon by developer Foxcroft Associates in 1979 with the aim of constructing a 133-unit condominium complex.

WISCONSIN SITE SALES TO BEGIN:

Construction of the Wisconsin site housing development (Parkview Heights) was well underway with the builder planning to begin taking purchase applications by mid to late February. Low, moderate and middle income families with incomes from \$18,145 to \$48,245 were deemed eligible to apply, with the units to be sold on a first-come basis. Monthly payments were not to exceed one-third of a family's income.

ULTIMATE 24-HOUR COMMITTEE:

Feeling that Bay Area public transit systems had been getting a bum rap, meteorologist Mike Pechner (then a Hill resident) and then-Muni Manager Angelo Figone racked up 407 miles in one 24-hour "ultimate commuter trip." Sponsored by Peninsula Rail 2000, a transit advocacy organization that organized the project to dramatize the versatility of Bay Area Transit, the Pechner/Figone team traveled 35 legs on ferries, jitneys, trains, BART, Muni Metro, motor coaches and trollies without repeating any route.

THIS AND THAT:

Headed "UNUSUAL RENT," a classified ad announced a flat for rent "on prestige block of 20th St." Prestige block? On 20th St?...Potrero Hill Middle School hoopers continued their winning ways as both the boys' and girls' varsity teams finished their seasons undefeated...Edith "Edie" Canihan, 63-year resident of Potrero Hill who died in December, 1983, was touchingly eulogized by Karean Canihan Byrnes...The Potrero Branch Library announced a new activity "for people who enjoy reading and talking with other people about what they read" — a readers' group to meet monthly...Potrero Palms at 17th and Kansas Streets was offering the "Nancy Burger," a half-pound hamburger with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, mayonnaise and mustard for \$3.45.

—Vas Arnautoff



## Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

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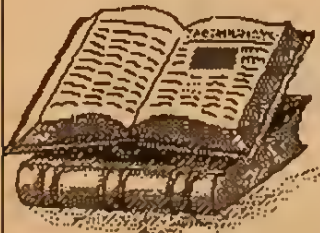
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VISITORS FROM JAPAN



The Potrero Hill Middle School played host to Japanese students Jan. 10 during their short visit to several schools in San Francisco. Tour Coordinator Emi Ozake (standing, far right), interpreted for the students while Middle School Principal Ron Cabral (second on left) explained what his students were studying in a bilingual class. The Japanese students were sponsored on this American tour by a newspaper in their island town of Hokkaido.

Ruth Passen photo

PEACE CORPS REUNION



Peace Corps National Director Carole Bellamy and Potrero Middle School teacher Alan Dallman reminisced about their Corps experiences Jan. 13 during the Director's tour of the school. Bellamy, the first Peace Corps veteran to serve as the agency's director, was on a familiarization tour of Corps offices on the West Coast. At the Middle School she also visited the classroom of Eric Peyko, another Corps veteran. Bellamy told students about the 32-year history of the agency, which presently has 6,500 volunteers working in more than 90 countries worldwide and answered students' questions. Asked by one eighth grader: "What do you think of President Clinton?" Bellamy quipped, "Well, he did give me a job," but went on to say that "he is very smart and he cares about people."

Vas Arnautoff photo



Black History Month Celebrated on Hill

A program celebrating Black History Month, and highlighting accomplishments by African-Americans will be held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m.

Included in the program will be the Neighborhood House's Youth Gospel Choir, Positive Rapping, skits, dances, poetry, and a fashion show by the Girls Club. All performers are members in the Teen and Drop-In Centers, as well as a regular after-school program at the Nube. Food and drink will be available and admission to the program is \$2.00.

The Neighborhood House is located at 953 De Haro St.

Nabe Hosts Anti - Tobacco Teen Project

"Powerful Young in Action" is a program operating at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, through a grant from the Tobacco Free Project. We meet every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. and are boys and girls from age 12-18.

The program is a lot of fun because we go on field trips, like the San Francisco General Hospital, and we also have guest speakers.

In our meetings we talk about what happens to you when you smoke, and some guest speakers have shown us how people's lungs look when they smoke. I have learned from this program how smoking can damage your lungs, cause heart disease, cancer and leukemia.

We also have a poetry contest and winners will be honored at a reception Feb. 4, at 4 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

— Tatiane Jones  
17 years old

(Editor's Note: This program is funded through Proposition 99, approved in 1988 -- the Tobacco Tax and Health Promotion Act -- which added a 25 percent tax to each pack of cigarettes sold in the State of California. Revenues from this tax are directed toward tobacco-related research, health education, and health care.)

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Neighborhood House's "Learning Center," an after-school program to help elementary and middle school students with their homework. This daily program runs from 2:30 - 5 p.m., and an evening one is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, where refreshments are served.

The Nabe also offers a Teen Center for youngsters aged 13-17 with a program of sports, board games, computer lab, dance movement, movies, sewing projects, team sports, video games, a weight room and a weekly Teen Council.

Additions to the regular afternoon activities are two gospel choirs - one for youngsters 6-12, and another for those aged 13-17. The choir rehearses Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. under the direction of Larry Byes.

For further information on any of the many youth related activities call Teen Center Director Joyce Armstrong at 826-8080.

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# Industrial / Residential Debate Lingers But New Condo Plan Wins Final Okay

As debate continues to heat up over the compatibility of industrial and residential sites cheek-by-jowl on Potrero Hill, the City Planning Commission gave final approval Jan. 20 to a controversial plan to build commercial and live/work units on the interior block railroad right-of-way that spans from the corner of 16th and Rhode Island to 17th and De Haro Streets.

The Jan. 20 session marked the third time the Planning Commission voted on this project and reflected modifications that were made as it went through the planning process. As finally approved, the project is slated to include seven commercial condos on the north part of the site and seven artists' live/work condos on the south portion, each selling for approximately \$250,000.

Concern that tenants living in the units would complain about neighboring commercial and industrial noise was a

chief point of contention in the debate over the plan. Along these lines, acoustical consultants determined that the noise from Club Touche on 16th Street would be incompatible with people trying to sleep in the area nearest the club. Because of this, the seven condos in that area were restricted to solely commercial use.

The issue of industrial noise had also been raised at a Dec. 9 hearing on the project by Fritz Maytag, owner of the nearby Anchor Steam Brewery, who, in opposing the proposed 14-unit plan, noted he wanted to expand his brewing operation. "We want to grow. My company wants to make more noise."

(The interim Dec. 9 vote, 4-2 to support the project with modifications, so angered Maytag that he left the hearing abruptly and was quoted as saying, "Invest in this city? Are you crazy?"

Reportedly a meeting took place between


Maytag and Mayor Frank Jordan, who, noted city chief Operations Officer James Lazarus, lobbied for the plan.)

Neighborhood businesses also had complained about the lack of sufficient parking to accommodate the proposed new businesses in the project — including an art gallery, recording studio and rehearsal studio. The Commission then required that two enclosed spaces be provided per unit. This will be accomplished by designating the ground floor space right inside the glass roll-up doors as a garage, a resolution that was accepted by the Commission despite warnings that these areas would end up being converted to work space.

Lined up in opposition to the project were Sally's Upstairs Cafe, whose owners said it will lose its southwest-facing light; Club Touche and the Metronome Ballroom, which expect complaints about noise; owners of an office building on 17th Street and its tenant, the Vanguard Foundation, which said they will lose light and views; S&C Ford and Anchor Brewing, which expressed concern about new residents complaining about industrial uses and truck traffic. Also opposed were the Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association.

Supporters of the project included the Potrero Hill League of Active Neighbors (PLAN); Builders Booksources on De Haro Street and Hill resident Brenda Berlin, representing the Arts Democratic Club.

Although the Jan. 20 vote was the project's final airing before the Planning Commission, an appeal of the building permit for the plan could still be heard before the Board of Permit Appeals. Developer Eban Gossage has up to one year to take out a permit on the artists' live/work part of the project; there is no deadline for the other seven units.




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# Clark Health Center Marks 18th Anniversary of Service

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and early and continuing care for all health problems form the basis of the center's mission. Each patient is followed by her or his own primary care MD or Family Nurse Practitioner. Consultations for special conditions and hospitalizations are arranged through the UCSF faculty-run practices at San Francisco General Hospital. Urgent care or drop-in appointments for acute illnesses are made as scheduling permits. Doctors of the health center occasionally make home visits, as needed; provide after-hours and weekend telephone contact for registered patients, and follow their patients through any hospital stay.

The dental unit at the health center has the most senior Potrero Hill staffers; two dentists, Dr. Hoskins and Dr. Denson. Both have been present from the center's first year. These two have been joined by a long line of dedicated assistants and dentists, now including Drs. Taylor and Wong, who have provided many years of preventive and primary care dentistry to the Potrero Hill community. Referrals are made as needed to specialty services at San Francisco General Hospital or other institutions.

Outreach efforts continue to be vital to the center's mission of serving the underserved in the community. Over the years these services have included, among others: nutrition education and influenza vaccine visits for seniors at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House; classroom teaching at all of the Potrero Hill schools (summer safety, nutrition, hygiene, etc.); and, youth programs at the Rec Center (no longer funded) that provided education in sexual responsibility and alternatives to violence.

Efforts are being re-initiated this year to get pregnant women into care as early in pregnancy as possible. The staff currently seeks to increase the number of pregnant, family planning, and HIV+

patients served, with additional funding targeted for these priority populations.

Finally, the staff at the health center have become increasingly involved with an assortment of research studies that seek answers to vital questions, such as: "How can we improve the number of minority patients who seek and receive timely cancer screening exams?" and "What factors are important in helping smoking women give up cigarettes?" These and other studies will provide vital data used to create better health-related practices among health care providers and patients alike.

Clearly there are many changes coming in the way that primary care health services are financed and organized. Currently a comprehensive array of community-based services is accessible through the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Primary Care Network of health centers, to which the Potrero Hill Health Center belongs. With improved funding, along with increased emphasis on primary care training, research, and service, more of the needs of San Francisco's most medically needy residents could be met. The net result could be reductions in patient suffering and in overall health-related costs, due to better prevention and early intervention efforts.

Back more than 18 years ago, a first few Potrero Hill residents simply received check-ups in Enola Maxwell's "Nabe" office, provided by health center staff even before there was a health center. And 18 years later, the staff at the Potrero Hill Health Center are rededicating themselves to providing continuous, conscientious care to all in need.

Michael J. Drennan, M.D.  
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Dr. Harry L. Denson and assistant prepare a patient for dental work in the Caleb G. Clark Potrero Hill Health Clinic on Wisconsin Street.



A patient enters the Wisconsin Street Health Clinic. Ruth Passen photos

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Volunteers are needed for two studies involving older men. One seeks to determine whether growth hormone treatment can improve muscle strength in older men. The study, being conducted at the San Francisco VA Medical Center, needs men at least 70 years old. For more info call 750-1291. And a research program studying prostate cancer prevention is seeking men 55 or older for its efforts to test the drug finasteride to prevent this disease. For more info call 668-7441 or 1 (800) 303-0043.

"Soccer in the Streets," an inner-city program to teach youngsters the sport of soccer, will take place at the Potrero Hill Rec Center, 23rd and Arkansas Streets, every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Former national player with a Nigerian team, I.B. Inyang is a new recruit to the program, helping to coach and to teach others to coach. The games are open to both boys and girls.

Many of San Francisco's shelters, child-care facilities, schools and families greatly need children's books. Second Reading is a program that helps to meet this need by collecting and distributing new and used children's books. The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, the Potrero Hill Health Clinic, and Potrero Terrace Childcare Center have all received books. If you have books you wish to donate or want to learn about the program, please call Vicki Pollack at 647-2042.

The Benefits Company, in conjunction with SOMA Acupuncture Clinic, is sponsoring a free monthly health lecture series for Potrero Hill residents beginning Feb. 16 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. The February topic is "Controlling Cholesterol Naturally" with lecturer Carol Hangee-Bauer, acupuncturist and naturopath. The lecture begins at 7 p.m.



The Connecticut Yankee continues to host live acoustic jazz Sunday evenings, featuring longtime Hill resident Bruce Forman. Joining him is vocalist Jenifer Slobodin, who also tends bar at the popular eatery at 100 Connecticut St. Sessions begin after 8 p.m.

From Modern Times Bookstore's busy calendar: Labor historian Archie Green talks about his newest book Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. And the National Writers Union hosts a panel of professional writers and editors on the "do's and don'ts" of querying, target story ideas, etc., with admission \$15. The store is located at 888 Valencia St.

A celebration of the life and works of Audre Lorde takes place Feb. 20, 1-4 p.m. at the S.F. Women's Building. The event is co-sponsored by Women's Voices and Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. Childcare and sign interpretation will be provided. The event is free of charge but donations are accepted. Call 821-4676 for info.

Because of the L.A. earthquake, more San Franciscans are suddenly interested in preparedness, or so it seemed to the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (N.E.R.T.) meeting conducted by the S.F. Fire Dept. at the Neighborhood House Jan. 24. More than 40 Potrero Hill residents showed up to learn about what to do in the (probable) event of another earthquake in our area. Classes continue Monday evenings through February (except Feb. 15), 6 p.m., at 953 De Haro St.

Training to become a volunteer at La Casa De Las Madres begins mid-February. This shelter is the state's first shelter for battered women and their children, and they need help. Positions are available for crisis line counselors, children's program, speaker's bureau and more. La Casa needs everyone to apply, especially bilingual (English/Spanish) speakers, people of color, lesbians, and formerly battered women. For more info call 777-1808 and ask for Cynthia.

There are many cultural places in the city where one can go for next to nothing. The first Wednesday of each month is free at: the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, (also free on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon); the California Academy of Sciences and Steinhart Aquarium (in G.G. Park); the Exploratorium — in the Palace of Fine Arts in the Marina; and five museums at Ft. Mason are free from noon - 8 p.m. The first Tuesday of each month is free at the Museum of Modern Art in Civic Center. And last but not least is the Old Mint at 5th and Mission Streets, free Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Randall Museum for children has special February Saturday classes including a session devoted to the making of "pop-up" Valentines Feb. 5, and African inspired offerings Feb. 19 and 26. The Feb. 12 session celebrates the Chinese New Year. The Museum is located at 199 Museum Way. For info call 554-9600.

Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission St., is presenting an exhibition of vintage and contemporary photographs by Arthur Fellig, better known as Weegee, from Feb. 3-Mar. 26. The photographer freelanced in New York from 1936 to 1945, and became one of the best known photo journalists, even before that expression became popular. He was a compassionate observer of human beings and their behaviour, and many of his more famous photos have been published in books about his work. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

The 2nd Annual San Francisco Environmental Film Festival, "The Big Green Screen," will be held Feb. 5 and 6 at the Center for the Arts at Yerba Buena Gardens. The festival is an educational event, bringing together environmental and development groups, educators and others, and is sponsored by the non-profit group Food First. The new Yerba Buena Gardens is located one block south of Market on Third and Mission Streets. Tickets are \$7. For more info call 978-ARTS/2787.

The Adult Learning & Tutorial Center, a program of City College of S.F. provides free, individualized instruction in basic reading and math. They also help students pass the GED exam, and short-term brush up for employment and apprenticeship tests. For more info drop in at 31 Gough St., or call 241-2300.

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# KQED Offers Provocative Film Series Through April

By Julia Jaurigui

Without a doubt, one of the more exciting television series of the season is KQED's Living Room Festival. Running through April, the series will present 13 programs featuring 112 independently produced films and videos. Curated by local media arts organizations and KQED, the featured works are innovative, challenging, and often test our preconceived notions about social and personal identity.

The Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame's program, airing on February 4 at 11 p.m., explores some of the basic questions we have all asked at some point in our lives. "Who am I?" "How did I become this person?" "Who defines who I am?"

Hosted by Elena Featherston, the films and videos of this ninety minute program focus on African-American identity through the artists' relationships to their families, the African-American community and dominant culture.

In particular, Lawrence Andrews' "And They Came Riding into Town on Black and Silver Horses" raises serious and challenging questions about the fairness of our criminal justice system and how the racial stereotyping of African-American men is allowed to outweigh other considerations such as individual and social identity.

By using interviews, text, sound bites, opaque imagery, and 11 o'clock News footage, Andrews' documentary presents us with an intelligent and unflinching look at how African-American men are represented as violent and deviant by the media. The "fear factor" created by the media — which was alive and well during last year's jury deliberations of the trial of the police officers accused of beating Rodney King — often results in the frequent and unjust imprisonment of young African-American men.

In a moving and candid interview, one young man describes how he was falsely accused by several people of an assault and robbery he did not commit. In other interviews — a police sketch artist from San Jose and a female law enforcement officer who trains fellow officers in the use of firearms — it becomes painfully clear how easy it is for many well-intentioned citizens to fall prey to the dangers created by racial stereotyping and bigotry.

On February 11, airing at 11 p.m., San Francisco Cinematheque will present "Fractured Realities," a 90-minute program devoted to how film and television have dominated the 20th century as the primary means of shaping history and our intimate attitudes.

The extent to which media manipulates what we call "reality" and how it is instrumental in forming our attitudes about anything or anyone different from ourselves are the focus of "Japanese Relocation." Produced by the Office of War and Information, this "historical" record of the transfer of Pacific Coast Japanese-American residents to federally-owned lands in the interior — Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming — during World War II gives the audience a harrowing view of how our government tried to gloss over the imprisonment of 100,000 people.

The documentary, narrated by Milton S. Eisenhower, the Director of the War Relocation Authority, immediately establishes the perceived threat Japanese-Americans presented to our country after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. In an effort to get Americans to swallow the bitter pill of prejudice and injustice, Eisenhower tells us that the government, fearful that many Japanese-Americans had loyalties to an enemy nation, could

not guarantee our country's safety if the Japanese-American population remained unconstrained.

In a number of ways, "Japanese Relocation" is painful to watch. Yet it has great value. It provides us with an opportunity to witness how the government and the media are able to manipulate reality and to justify morally reprehensible behavior. More important, it reminds us that we cannot afford to let history repeat itself.

Also featured in "Fractured Realities" is Vejan Smith's "Mother's Hands." In this short yet powerful experimental video, Smith presents the painful and conflicted reality of an abused child as she struggles to reconcile her feelings of love and fear for her abusive mother. By distorting sound and image, Smith creates unforgettable impressions and moments that may haunt viewers for days. In particular, the image of the abused child as she jumps rope and plays (and then abuses) her doll in an empty lot lingers in our consciousness because it vividly captures the realities of child physical and sexual abuse.

## "FEUERBACH"



"Feuerbach," a dance-theater project, premieres Feb. 17 and runs through Feb. 27 at the Somar Theater, 934 Brannan St. Heading the cast is Richard Reineccius of the Julian Theater, seen in photo on ladder, with dancer Lori O. Lara leaping in front of him. "Feuerbach," a play about an actor who fears growing old, was written by German playwright Tankred Dorst, and was introduced initially at the Goethe Institut here in San Francisco. For tickets and information call 626-8986.



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## Hansberry Writings Source For New MET Production

"To Be Young, Gifted, and Black," a collection of the writings of Lorraine Hansberry, is the second production in Multi Ethnic Theater's (MET) current season at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, opening Feb. 18. Hansberry became the youngest American playwright and the first African-American to win the 1959 New York Drama Critics Circle Best Play of the Year Award, which she received for "Raisin in the Sun." She died of cancer in 1965 while her second Broadway play, "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window," was running.

The play, culled from her writings, journals, letters, and scenes from plays, is particularly appropriate for Black History Month, celebrated at the Neighborhood House. In this production, Hansberry's vision is enhanced by a cast in which members of all races speak for her in the first person.

Audiences from MET's recent "Scapino" will recognize Rama Kellum, Mia Liban, Tracey Silver and Steven Vickers. Newcomers to MET for this production are Victor Evedge, Andy Hammer, Sharon Jamison, Wanda Johnson, Afi-Tiombe Kambon, Loraine Lewin, and Sarah Stevens.

"To Be Young, Gifted, and Black" opens at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St., with a low-priced

preview, February 18. Additional performances are scheduled for Saturday Feb. 19 and for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 25, 26, and 27. To reserve tickets call 415-550-8161.



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## A Memoir

# Old Russian Church Bishop Warwick Dies

Bishop Neville Pemchekov Warwick, 61, also known as Dr. Ajani, physician and clergyman, died Dec. 11 in his quarters at St. Avvakum's Old Russian Orthodox Church on Potrero Hill. Memorial services were held at the Yoga Society of San Francisco, Duggan-Welch Family Mortuary, St. John's Hospice, and Woodlawn Crematory.

As Grand Commander of the Russian Reformed Order of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, Rhodes, and Malta, Bishop Neville directed a number of refugee relief operations in the past quarter century. The world-wide resettlement of Tibetans, under the leadership of H.H. Dalai Lama, was his most ambitious project. He also aided in the relocation of Vietnamese, Ethiopians, and Haitians. St. John's diaconate mission to the sick and the poor has included work with Mother Teresa, the African Orthodox Church of the West, the San Francisco Refugee Coalition, the AIDS Network, and numerous other churches, agencies, and organizations.

In addition to medical and relief activities, Bishop Neville was passionately engaged in the teaching of religion as derived from virtually all traditions. The Lake Baikal region of Outer Mongolia has been the center of intense religious-cultural exchange and interaction since the early eighteenth century. Here Bishop Neville's immediate forbears interfaced with Mongolian shamans, Tibetan lamas, and Russian Old Ritualists. As a descendant of Justinian the Great of Byzantium on his father's side, he was heir to Greco-Russian regal, medical, and spiritual lineages; by the

maternal line he was heir to the Mongolian and Central Asian lineages of Genghis Khan.

He received the doctorate of theology degree from the Universities of Paris and Athens and a medical degree from the University of London. Additional training was received in violin, composi-

tion, and dance. His vast knowledge of liturgies was without peer and he was well known as an expert sacristan, i.e., a custodian of sacred objects.

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Fr. William H. Green, O.M., A.O.C.  
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## Crime Statistics

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"As long as I can remember," Ivy said, "auto burglary has been a problem" on Potrero Hill. One of the easiest ways to prevent having your auto burgled is to make sure nothing is visible. This means locking anything that is not standard equipment for your auto in the trunk or the glove box.

Even the case to a pair of glasses can motivate an auto burglary to strike your car in hopes of turning your stolen goods over for a quick profit, Ivy said.

Other preventative measures recommended by the Police department include installing a car alarm, using a steering wheel Club and parking in well-lit areas.

Ivy did touch on one crime trend, which she referred to as the "epidemic of crimes — and violent crime in particular — committed by our youth." She stressed the use of the word "our," saying that even though youth are committing crimes, the crimes are "everyone's problem." Young adults age 12 to 35 are committing most of the crime on the Hill.

She stressed the importance of the simple procedure of reporting crimes to the Police Dept. She said she often hears residents mention crimes but not the fact that they were reported. As elusive as interpreting statistics may be, Officer Ivy said, crime "can only be measured by documentation."



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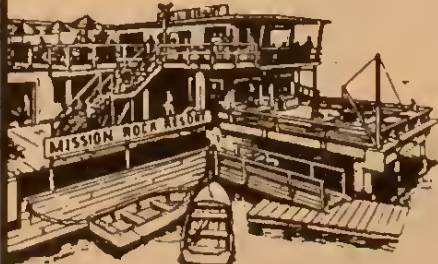
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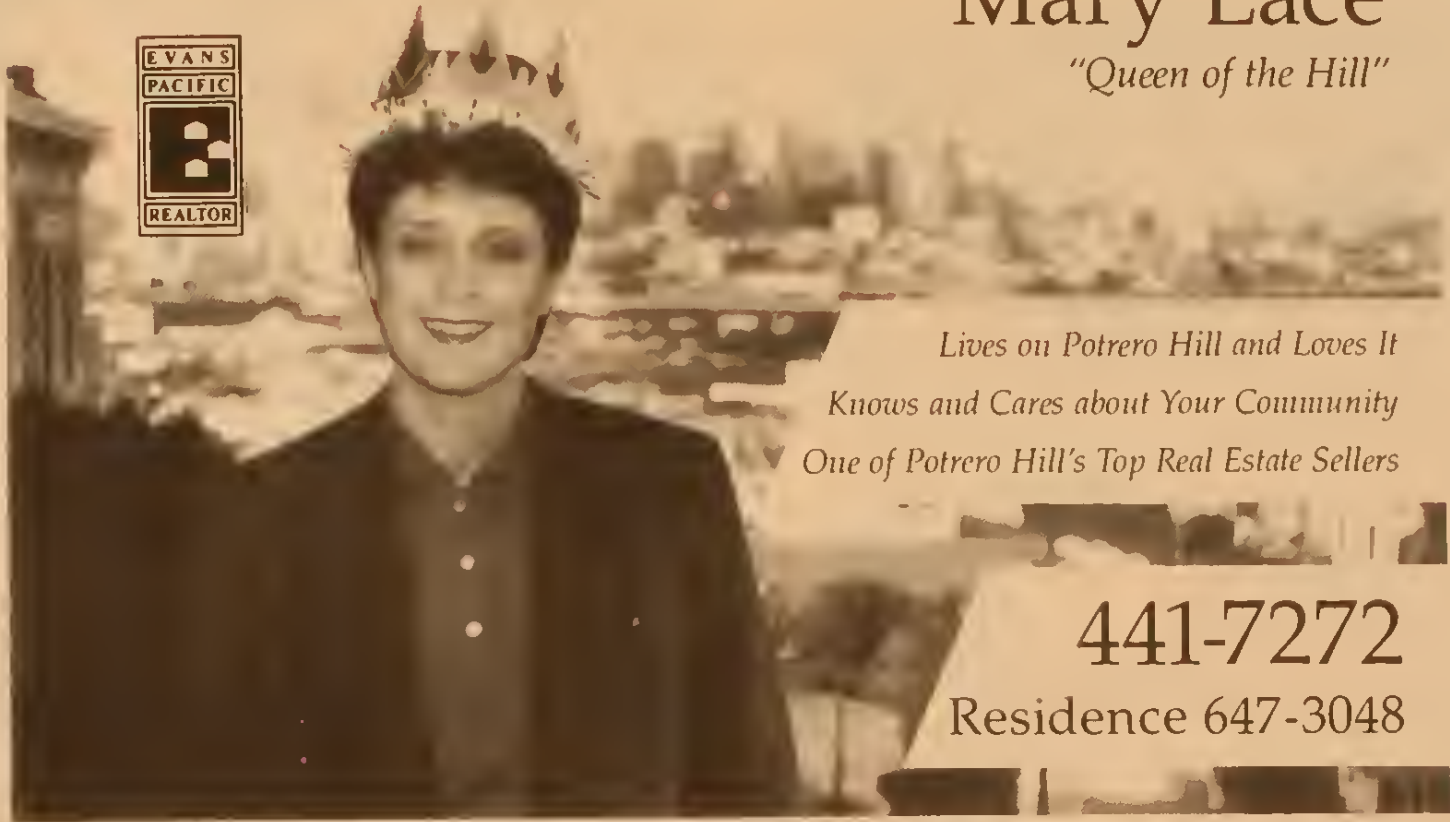
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